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Behind the Mask.

When Mr. Hughes was nominated by the Republicans The Journal gave unstinted tribute to the personality of Mr. Hughes, but deplored the forces behind him. Now, Mr. John M. Parker, who was nominated as vice presidential candidate on the Progressive ticket with Mr. Roosevelt, and is trying to keep that party intact since it was deserted by Roosevelt after he announced that he would keep up the fight even if he had to do it alone, says that Mr. Hughes is a splendid man but was selected by the Republicans as a mere mask behind which they hoped to regain control of the nation. Having no basis for a real criticism of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hughes has begun making indefinite speeches about "Dominant Americanism." Referring to those who are supporting him and their devotion to "Dominant Americanism," the New York World says:

"All the reactionary interests and elements in the United States are supporting Mr. Hughes and dominant Americanism."

"Wall Street is for dominant Americanism and the restoration of private control of the United States Treasury."

"The monopoly-lariff bugs are for dominant Americanism and the privilege of robbing the consumer to increase the crop of millionaires."

"The Morgans, the Armourers, the Gargys and all the other trust capitalists are for dominant Americanism and the re-establishment of a private wire into the White House."

"The bankers whose power of life or death over business has been curbed by the Federal Reserve Law are for dominant Americanism and 51 per cent of the common stock."

"The munition crowd is for dominant Americanism and a pipe-line into the Treasury."

"The Mexican concessionaries are for dominant Americanism and a war to fatten their pocketbooks."

"Dominant Americanism is a noble issue, and it is no less noble today than it was when Mark Hanna described the exploitation of the American people by Privilege and Plutocracy as 'saving the national honor.'"

Mr. Hughes' "Dominant Americanism."

New York World.

Mr. Hughes is in a high state of elation over his sudden discovery that the Republican League of Clubs of New York "sounds the note of dominant Americanism, vigorously emphasizing our need of national unity and of broad constructive work to assure national security and national progress."

This is good sophomore rhetoric, but what does it all mean in relation to the Presidential campaign? In precise terms, what is Mr. Hughes' notion of "dominant Americanism" as distinguished from President Wilson's dominant Americanism?

Certainly the Americanism of thousands of Mr. Hughes' most vociferous supporters is anything but dominant. The German-American Alliance, with its Potsdam propaganda, is opposing the President and working for Mr. Hughes because Mr. Wilson's Americanism is not satisfactory to the German government. On the other hand, the bitterest elements among the pro-ally Americans are for Mr. Hughes because the President managed to keep the United States out of war with Germany. All the hyphens have taken the field against the President, and Mr. Hughes is their candidate. He is the one hope of all the foreign sympathizers who are determined to defeat the President for the crime of putting America first.

On that issue the pro-allys of Fifth Avenue are marching shoulder to shoulder with the pro-Germans of Third Avenue. If they succeed, this country will no longer be ruled by dominant Americanism or any other kind of Americanism. It will be neither more or less than a tail to the European kite. Whenever the time comes that a President of the United States can be defeated for reelection because his foreign policy is not satisfactory to American champions of European belligerents, Americanism will have reached its lowest ebb since the foundation of the Republic.

When Mr. Hughes talks about "dominant Americanism," he is speaking the same language that the Koebies and the Vierecks talk and that the Whitney Warrens also talk. There is not an America-last foreign sympathizer who does not tear passion to tatters in proclaiming his dominant Americanism, while at the same time insisting that the one duty of the United States is to abandon neutrality for the benefit of one side or the other in a war that two grains of honest diplomacy would have made impossible.

We have no objection to Mr. Hughes' prattle about dominant Americanism, but before many weeks he will have to tell the country just what he means by it. He will have to furnish a bill of particulars with it too. Thus far he has contented himself with attacking the President who is bearing the burden of a world crisis, but he has never ventured to say what he would have done that Mr. Wilson left undone or what he would have left undone that the President did.

With all the advantages of hindsight and none of the responsibility

ties of action, Mr. Hughes has had plenty of opportunity to frame an ideal and perfect policy of his own. He has returned to the arena of politics at a time when the country is confronted with something rather more serious than betting on a horse-race, and the same methods that are satisfactory enough in dealing with a race-track bill will hardly serve in meeting the gravest crisis that ever confronted modern civilization.

Unionville News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Unionville, July 20.—Mr. Claude Purser, who has been employed at Woodlawn, Penn., visited relatives and friends here recently.

Miss Amy Helms is spending some time with relatives in Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Griffin and little son, Master Paul, spent the week-end with Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Osborne of Mt. Prospect.

Mrs. M. D. Purser of Monroe and little grandson, John Jr. and Carr Purser, of Charlotte, visited her son, Mr. J. C. Purser here Tuesday.

Miss Eunice Helms has gone to Chapel Hill to school.

Miss Ruby Tomberlin spent part of last week in Monroe with her aunt, Mrs. Charlie Sell.

Miss Lola Price has returned from an extended trip to Gastonia.

Mr. Frank Helms received news last night that his brother, Mr. Walter Helms' little daughter, was seriously ill. He left at once for Stouffville. We learned this morning that the child has infantile paralysis.

Scaupout is gone and Padersky has gone to Mt. Holly. Student, what are we going to do about the debate?—Wild Rose.

News Around Center Grove.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Monroe, R. F. D. 6, July 19.—

Brass, a correspondent of The Journal, left July 12th to serve Uncle Sam in the army. His name is Bronze Trull. It is sad to part with Brass, but success to him. I will try and fill the vacancy should it be agreeable with the paper.

Miss Clara Stinson returned home Sunday from Brevard, where she has been in a teachers' training school for some time.

Mr. Hoyle Helms of Petersburg, Va., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Helms.

Miss Eula May Helms was the guest of Miss Annie Lee Williams, near Ebenezer, Saturday night.

Mrs. Hallie Victory of Stouffville spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Deese.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Helms has been right sick but is improving some.

Mr. J. E. Wentz and son, Vance, of Allan visited here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Helms spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Conley Polk, near Bakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheran Helms of Bakers spent Tuesday at Mr. W. M. Birmingham's.—Rose Bud.

CALLS CIDER PLAIN SLOP.

Correspondent Says That Between Fools and Vinegar Cider is Often Intercepted by Those Who Should Know Better.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Indian Trail, July 19.—Mrs. J. J. McLendon of Antioch neighborhood is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Sturdivant, of Marshville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Thompson of Charlotte spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harkey.

Miss Lillian Harkey of Charlotte came down Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harkey, but more especially to visit her sister, Miss Annie, who has been ill for some time. It will be of interest to her many friends to know that she is some better at this writing.

Miss Nancy Boyd and her sister, Miss Sadie, visited their cousin, Miss Maggie Boyd Sunday.

Mr. Henry Broom of Charlotte visited his parents Saturday night and Sunday.

Measles have become quite epidemic in the village for the past few weeks, however, they have already passed the high water mark and few are expected to have them yet. A few new cases were reported at this writing.

Your scribe succeeded in landing a large blue crane from the top of a tree Tuesday. The bird measured 5 feet and eight inches from tip to tip of wings, and four feet and six inches from tip of toes to end of beak. He is not as large as one or two which The Journal gave a report of a few weeks ago.

The apples that have fallen in this neighborhood during the passed rain and wind storm lay but a short time on the ground until they were gathered and speedily made into cider.

Cider, as most of us know, ferments after a few days, after which time it is an excellent medium for making fools and vinegar. There is a class of people hurrying through life who overtake "cider" between "fool" and "vinegar" and capture it. Some of the captors here decided that they have gone far enough so they pitch their tent in the side ditch and remain there all night. Others of the same gang decide that they will go on further to where a picnic is being held, or to where a camp meeting is going on, to have what they call pleasure. There they become an enemy to society; a hindrance to real pleasure, and worst of all an injury to their own character. How strange it is that young robust boys, and even fathers will lower themselves to the level, that they will drink such abominable slop; for fermented cider is nothing short of a very low grade of slop. It is possible that the sturdy, strong, young men of today cannot see in the future a sufficient distance to realize that great possibilities are in a stone's throw, so to speak, beckoning them to go forward and make good instead of going backward as many do when they debauch themselves enough to drink such stuff as wine, cider and liquors. May the day soon arise that will bring the good report that the young men who are the future of our land have turned their backs upon such abominable character destroyers.

Miss Ola Hemby of Weddington neighborhood was a visitor in the village Sunday.—Sir John.

Some Sidelights on the Flood.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Monday morning some of the Waxhaw people who were at the river saw a watermelon go down stream with a rabbit on one end and a terrapin on the other.

The roof of a cabin with a tile stove flue resembled a German submarine with a periscope.

Hundreds of bales of cotton washing down the river, considered with the thousands of acres of cotton land submerged along the banks, looked like the river was aiding in every way possible the farmer to get fifteen cents for his cotton this fall.

Two men in a gasoline motor boat were joy riding over the seething mass of wreckage, waving to the people along the bank. Another man in a paddle canoe was having just as good a time as anybody. Still another fellow, unable perhaps to secure a motor boat, was riding a log. He did not seem to be enjoying the ride quite as much as the others.

Three or four barrels bore evidence of cellars raided, and great bridge-timbers told of the work of years which the mad stream had swept as trash before its on-sweeping rush.

A negro man near Camden yesterday saved eleven bales of cotton from the river and was drowned while going after the twelfth bale.

It is a novel experience to ride through a railroad depot freight room in a bateau, but that is what they were doing at Van Wyck Monday.

The Charlotte district conference of the Methodist church is to meet at Harrison church, near Pineville, tomorrow, Rev. W. F. Sandford expects to attend.

The Enterprise was told Monday evening that Mr. J. M. Yoder of Van Wyck, one of the best farmers in Lancaster county, did not have a single stalk of cotton or corn that was not under water.

The Seaboard has been running a little one-car combination train from Monroe to Osceola since Monday. It is a pretty sorry train, but it is a whole lot better than no train at all, and Waxhaw is glad to get it.

The bridge over Twelve Mile creek at the Bivens mill place was not displaced from its foundations, but was turned up a little on one side. While vehicles are crossing it right along, it should be repaired before very much heavy traffic crosses.

County Commissioner Jerre C. Laney was in town yesterday, having come over to look after the Waxhaw creek bridge on the Houston road, which was displaced by the recent high water. The bridge was washed down stream some little distance.

The party who went to Chester Sunday had quite an experience before getting home. The train could not cross the river and the boys had to hoof it to Van Wyck. From there automobiles were sent for, but delayed so long in coming that the fellows got anxious to start home and hit the trail walking.

Woman, Politics, and Suffrage.

Woman suffrage is a question That is puzzling all the world, It's the most flaunted banner That has ever been unfurled.

The suffragettes yell for woman's rights, When they march five thousand strong, Suffrage is not woman's rights, They've got the whole thing wrong.

I'm a strong and firm believer In woman's rights just everywhere, And if we should burden them with politics, I don't think we'd treat them fair.

Ladies, please take my advice, If you love your country and home, Don't desert your post of duty, Just let politics alone.

Ladies, you should all remember You're God's favored blessings to our land, So please don't dabble into politics, Or join the lopsided suffrage band.

I oppose enslaving women, For most of them are sweet as jam, So let's just let them keep their freedom, Then they won't henpeck Uncle Sam.

All the world should abolish suffrage, Just hit it right square on the neck, For when the ladies bid their homes farewell The country then will be a wreck.

If you want this fair land of ours To get in a monstrous ugly fix, Just mix up our noble women With dirty, rotten politics.—Dwight King.

Many an excellent man is discouraged by the thought that the world will have to wait until after he is dead before it finds out how good he was.

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